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(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with the use of 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of autoimmune diabetes as well as for the manufacture of a medicament for preventing and/or treating allograft rejection. It is further concerned with a method for preventing and/or treating such diseases by administering 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ in an amount effective to prevent and/or to treat such diseases alone or in combination with other immunosuppressive agents.

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Use of a Vitamin D₃ Analogue for the Treatment of Autoimmune Diabetes

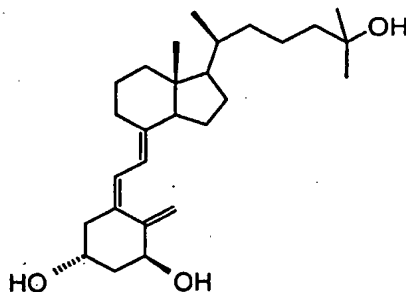
The present invention is concerned with the use of 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ (Compound A) for the manufacture of a medicament
5 for the prevention and/or treatment of autoimmune diabetes, especially type 1 diabetes
and for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of acute
and chronic allograft rejection. It is further concerned with a method for preventing
and/or treating such diseases by administering 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexa-
fluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ in an amount effective to prevent and/or to treat such diseases,
10 alone or in combination with other immunosuppressive agents.

1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ [1,25(OH)₂D₃], the activated form of vitamin D₃, is a
secosteroid hormone that not only plays a central role in bone and calcium metabolism,
but also modulates the immune response via specific receptors expressed in APCs and
activated T cells (Bouillon, R., et al., *Eur. J. Endocrinol.* 1995, 133:7-16). 1,25(OH)₂D₃ and
15 its analogues have been shown to inhibit autoimmune diseases in animal models, such as
experimental allergic encephalomyelitis (Lemire, J.M. et al. *J. Clin. Invest.* 1991, 87:1103-
1107; Cantorna, M.T., et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A.* 1996, 93:7861-7864; and Mattner,
F., S. et al. *Eur. J. Immunol.* 2000, 30:498-508), murine lupus (Lemire, J.M., et al.
Autoimmunity. 1992, 12:143-148), collagen-induced arthritis (Larsson, P., L. et al., *Clin.*
20 *Exp. Immunol.* 1998, 114:277-283; and Cantorna, M.T., et al. *J. Nutr.* 1998, 128:68-72) and
type 1 DM (= *diabetes mellitus*) (Mathieu, C., M. et al. *Diabetologia.* 1994, 37:552-558).
They are clinically used in the treatment of psoriasis, a Th1-mediated autoimmune disease
of the skin, where they show an efficacy comparable to topical steroids (Fogh, K., and K.
Kragballe, *Curr. Pharm. Des.* 2000, 6:961-972). Polymorphisms of the vitamin D receptor
25 gene have been associated with type 1 DM in different populations (Pani, M.A., et al.
Diabetes. 2000, 49:504-507; Chang, T.J., et al. *Clin. Endocrinol. (Oxf).* 2000, 52:575-580).
Epidemiological studies show higher incidence of the disease in northern than in southern
latitudes (Green, A., et al. *Lancet.* 1992, 339:905-909), suggesting a possible involvement of

a $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ deficiency in the pathogenesis of type 1 DM. This is supported by a large population-based case-control study showing that the intake of vitamin D_3 contributes to a decreased risk in type 1 DM onset (*Diabetologia*. 1999, 42:51-54).

$1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ inhibits IL-12 production (Lemire, J.M. et al., *J. Nutr.* 1995, 125:1704S-1708S), likely via inhibition of NF-kB (D'Ambrosio, D., et al. *J. Clin. Invest.* 1998, 101:252-262), and IL-12 has been shown to exert an important role in the development of type 1 DM in the non-obese diabetic (NOD) mouse (Trembleau, S. et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 1995, 181:817-821). Recently, the *IL-12B* gene coding for IL-12p40 has been found strongly linked with susceptibility to human type 1 DM (Morahan, G. et al., *Nat. Genet.* 2001, 27:218-221). Targeting IL-12 may thus prevent disease (Adorini, L., *Nat. Genet.* 2001, 27:131-132), and $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ analogues could represent interesting candidates to inhibit IL-12 production and type 1 DM development.

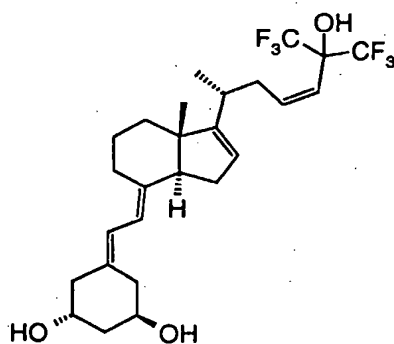
$1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ and its analogues are immunoregulatory agents able to prevent Th1-mediated autoimmune diseases (Casteels, K., et al. *Curr. Opin. Nephrol. Hypertens.* 1995, 4:313-318). $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ reduces the incidence of insulitis (Mathieu, C., et al., *Diabetes*. 1992, 41:1491-1495) and prevents type 1 DM development (Mathieu, C., et al. *Diabetologia*. 1994, 37:552-558), but only when administered to NOD mice starting from three weeks of age, before the onset of insulitis. $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ was found ineffective in preventing progression of diabetes in NOD mice when administered from 8 weeks of age, when NOD mice present a well established insulitis (Mathieu, C., et al. Vitamin D and diabetes. Vitamin D, eds. Feldman, Glorieux and Pike. Academic Press. 1997, 1183-1196). However, a combined treatment of 8 week-old NOD mice with the $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ analogue MC1288 (see structure below) and cyclosporine A reduced the incidence of disease, although neither treatment alone was effective (Casteels, K.M., et al., *A. Endocrinology*. 1998, 139:95-102).



MC 1288

While it is possible to inhibit the onset of autoimmune diabetes by timely administration of $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ or analogues thereof it was so far not possible to prevent its progression.

It has now surprisingly been found that the administration of the $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ analogue 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D_3 to 8 week-old non-obese diabetic (NOD) mice inhibits LPS-induced IL-12 (LPS is lipopolysaccharide, a bacterial product mitogenic for lymphocytes) and IFN- γ production at non-hypercalcemic doses, arrests progression of insulinitis and inhibits type 1 DM development. Arrest of disease progression was accompanied by a selective inhibition of IL-2 and IFN- γ production by pancreatic lymph node CD4^+ T cells. Already a short course of treatment with the $1,25(\text{OH})_2\text{D}_3$ analogue, 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D_3 (Compound A)



either as inducing agents or in chronic treatment. The combination partner can be admixed with the compound or its salts in various ratios or can be administered separately or sequentially.

In a further embodiment the invention is concerned with the use of Compound A for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of acute and chronic allograft rejection. Furthermore the invention provides a method of preventing and/or treating acute and chronic allograft rejection by administering Compound A in an amount effective to prevent and/or to treat such rejection, especially, in the case of chronic rejection, for the reducing of the intimal thickening in aortic allografts and decreasing the number of inflammatory cells in the adventitial, media, and intima layer of the grafts. The compound can be used as a monotherapy or it can be administered in combination with known immunosuppressive agents like anti-CD3 antibodies, anti-thymocyte antibodies, cyclosporine A, tacrolimus, rapamycin, CellCept® and Zenapax®, either as inducing agents or in chronic treatment. The combination partner can be admixed with the compound or its salts in various ratios or can be administered separately or sequentially.

1,25-Dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ is a known compound and its preparation is described in EP A 0 654 467.

The present invention is further exemplified by experiments as described below. The following materials and methods are used:

1. Mice

The non-obese (NOD)/Lt mice used for the experiments were purchased from Charles River Laboratories (Calco, Italy). All mice were kept under specific pathogen-free conditions. Glucose levels in the tail venous blood were quantified using a EUROFlash (Lifescan, Issy les Moulineaux, France). A diagnosis of diabetes was after two sequential glucose measurements higher than 200 mg/dl.

2. Treatments

1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃, was dissolved in ethanol (1 mg/ml) and then diluted in miglyol 812. NOD/Lt. The mice were dosed orally with vehicle (miglyol 812) alone or vehicle containing Compound A (0,03 µg/Kg body weight) 5x/week from 8 to 12 or from 8 to 16 weeks of age.

3. Immunohistology

Pancreata were snap-frozen in Tissue Tek (Miles Laboratories, Elkhart, IN), and 5-µm-thick sections stained with hematoxylin and eosin. Insulitis score was quantified as follows: 0, no insulitis; 1, peri-insulitis; 2, insulitis in <50% of the islet; 3, insulitis in >50% of the islet. A mean score was calculated from 40–50 islets per individual pancreas. In addition,

pancreas cryostat sections were stained with biotinylated mAb directed against CD4, CD8, B220, CD11b (all purchased from PharMingen), or CD11c (N418; American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA), followed by streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate. 3-amino-9-ethylcarbazole (Dako, Carpinteria, CA) was used as chromogen and hematoxylin as a counterstain. For insulin pancreas cryostat sections were 5 μ m thick, were stained with anti-porcine insulin (Sigma) followed by PAP (Sigma). 3-amino-9-ethylcarbazole (Dako, Carpinteria, CA) was used as chromogen and hematoxylin as a counterstain.

4. Isolation of pancreas-infiltrating T cells

After removal of all visible pancreatic lymph nodes, pancreata were individually digested in 3 ml HBSS containing 1 mg/ml collagenase IV (Sigma), by shaking (200 rpm) at 37°C for 15 min. Single cell suspensions were collected after diluting the enzyme with ice-cold HBSS containing 5% FCS (FETAL CALF SERUM) and removal of the aggregates by settling for 2 min on ice. Aggregates were further digested with collagenase IV at 0.5 mg/ml for 10 min, and at 0.25 mg/ml for 6 min. Single cell suspensions were washed three times, and passed over a MASC Pre-separation filter (Miltenyi Biotec) to remove cell aggregates and clumps. Single cell suspensions were incubated with anti-CD4 mAb-coated Microbeads (Miltenyi Biotec) and applied onto Mini-MACS columns (Miltenyi Biotec). This procedure yielded a positive fraction containing CD4⁺ cells. Immediately after purification cells were stimulated with PMA (PHORBOL MYRISTIC ACETATE) and ionomycin in complete medium, fixed, and stained the next day for intracellular production of cytokines.

5. Intracellular staining for cytokine production

Cells were stained for IFN- γ , IL-4, IL-10 and IL-2 as previously described (Trembleau, S., et al. *Eur J Immunol.* 1997, 27:2330-2339). Reagents for intracytoplasmic staining contained 1% FCS, 0.5% saponin (Sigma), and 0.1% sodium azide. All incubations were performed at room temperature. Cells were washed, pre-incubated for 10 min with PBS(phosphate buffered saline)/FCS/saponin, and then incubated with FITC(fluorescein isothiocyanate)-labeled rat anti-mouse IFN- γ (XMG1.2) and PE (phycoerythrin)-labeled rat anti-IL-2 (JE56-5H4), rat anti-mouse IL-4 (11B11), or PE-labeled rat anti-mouse IL-10 (JES5-16E3). Isotype controls were FITC- and PE-labeled rat IgG1 (R3-34). After 30 min, cells were washed twice with PBS/FCS/saponin and then with PBS containing 5% of FCS without saponin to allow membrane closure. The cell surface was then stained with CyChrome-labeled anti-CD4 (L3T4) for 15 min at room temperature. Analysis was performed with a FACScan flow cytometer (Becton Dickinson, Mountain View, CA) equipped with CellQuest software, and 10,000 events were acquired.

6. Flow cytometric analysis

Single-cell suspensions of pancreas-infiltrating, spleen or lymph node cells were incubated with anti-CD4 mAb-coated Microbeads (Miltenyi Biotec) and applied onto Mini-MACS columns (Miltenyi Biotec). Stainings were performed in the presence of 100 µg/ml mouse IgG using the following mAbs, all from PharMingen: CyChrome-labeled Streptavidin, FITC-labeled anti-CD4 (L3T4), PE-labeled anti-CD45RB (16A), PE-labeled anti-CD62L (MEL-14), PE-labeled anti-CD38 (rat IgG2a), FITC-labeled anti-CD69 (H1.2F3), and biotinylated anti-CD25 (7D4). Cells were analyzed with a FACScan flow cytometer equipped with CellQuest software (Becton Dickinson, Mountain View, CA).

7. Cell cultures

Single cell suspensions from pancreatic lymph nodes or spleen were incubated with anti-CD4 mAb-coated Microbeads (Miltenyi Biotec) and applied onto Mini-MACS columns (Miltenyi Biotec). Purified CD4⁺ cells (6×10^5 /well) were cultured for 48 h in round-bottom 96-well plates (Costar) pre-coated with 3 µg/ml purified anti-TCR mAb (ATCC HB 218; American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA) with or without 100 U/ml IL-2 and/or 10 µg/ml anti-CD28 mAb. Cultures were performed in synthetic HL-1 medium (Ventrex Laboratories, Portland, ME) supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine and 50 µg/ml gentamicin (Sigma). To measure cell proliferation, cultures were pulsed 8 h before harvesting with 1 µCi [³H]TdR (40 Ci/nmol; Radiochemical Center, Amersham, U.K.). Incorporation of [³H]TdR was measured by liquid scintillation spectrometry. Alternatively, splenic or pancreatic lymph node CD4⁺CD25⁺ and CD4⁺CD25⁻ cells were sorted with MultiSort Kit (Miltenyi Biotec, Auburn, CA).

8. IL-12 and IFN-γ production in vivo

Lymphokine production was induced in 8 week-old female NOD mice by i.p. injection of 400 µg/mouse *Salmonella abortus equi* LPS (Sigma). Compound A was administered 72, 48, 24, and 1 h prior to LPS. Blood samples were collected 3 h post LPS injection and serum cytokines measured by ELISA.

9. Quantification of cytokines

Cytokines were quantified by two-sites ELISA. IFN-γ was determined using paired mAb from PharMingen (San Diego, CA). For capture, the mAb was AN-18.17.24. Samples were titrated and incubated overnight at 4°C. To detect bound IFN-γ plates were then incubated with biotinylated XMGI.2 mAb. After washing, the bound biotinylated mAb was revealed by an additional 30-min incubation with alkaline phosphatase-conjugated streptavidin (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Avondale, PA) diluted 1/5000. The plates were washed again and incubated with the developing substrate *p*-nitrophenylphosphate

disodium (Sigma) in diethanolamine buffer (pH 9.6; 100 µl/well). The reaction was stopped by adding 50 µl/well NaOH 3N, and absorbance was read at 405 nm. ELISA for IL-12p75 was performed as described (Gately, M.K., et al., *Current Protocols Immunol.* 1995, 3, 15:6.16.11-16.16.15). Cytokines were quantified from two to three titration points using standard curves generated by purified recombinant mouse cytokines and results expressed as cytokine concentration in ng or pg/ml. Detection limits were 15 pg/ml for both cytokines.

10. Transfer experiment

Single cell suspensions were prepared from untreated 8 weeks-old NOD or Compound A treated NOD mice and adoptively transferred by intravenous injection into NOD-SCID mice (SCID means severe combined immunodeficiency). Alternatively, splenic or pancreatic lymph node CD4⁺CD25⁺CD38⁺ and CD4⁺CD25⁻CD38⁻ cells were sorted with MultiSort Kit (Miltenyi Biotec, Auburn, CA). Purified cells were mixed as indicated and adoptively transferred by intravenous injection into NOD-SCID mice. Glucose levels in the tail venous blood were quantified. A diagnosis of diabetes was after two sequential glucose measurements higher than 200 mg/dl.

Example 1

Inhibition of type 1 DM and insulinitis development by Compound A administration

NOD female mice were treated daily with Compound A (0.03 µg/Kg body weight per os) or vehicle from 8 to 12 or 16 weeks of age and glycemia levels were monitored until 38 weeks of age. The incidence of disease was significantly lower in mice treated with Compound A compared to controls, and the longer treatment was most effective (Fig. 1). About 90% of vehicle-treated controls were diabetic by 38 weeks of age compared to only 50% of mice treated with Compound A from 8 to 12 weeks of age. A longer treatment, from 8 to 16 weeks of age, afforded higher protection, and only 16% of NOD mice developed type 1 DM. The score and severity of insulinitis was similar between 8 weeks old and 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice at 30 weeks of age, whereas this had significantly progressed in vehicle-treated mice (Fig. 2A). These data indicate that Compound A treatment is able to halt the recruitment of infiltrating cells into the pancreatic islets. Functional islet β cells, demonstrated by the positive staining for insulin, were more frequent in both 8 week-old and 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated mice at 30 weeks of age, compared to islets of vehicle-treated NOD mice at 30 weeks of age (Fig. 2B). Immunohistochemical analysis showed a similar pattern of islet infiltration in 8 week-old and 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice at 30 weeks of age, comprising CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells, B220⁺ B cells, CD11b⁺ macrophages, and

CD11c⁺ dendritic cells. Conversely, a more florid infiltrate was observed in vehicle-treated 30 week-old NOD mice (Fig. 2B). The pancreas-infiltrating cells were analyzed by flow cytometry and no difference in the percentage of CD4⁺, CD8⁺, B220⁺ CD11b⁺, and CD11c⁺ cells was found among the three groups (Fig. 2C), indicating that Compound A treatment blocked the progression of insulinitis without modifying the cellular composition of the infiltrate. In conclusion, NOD mice treated with Compound A from 8 to 16 weeks of age and analyzed at 30 weeks of age, when vehicle-treated mice presented over 60% of highly infiltrated islets, displayed a grade of insulinitis similar to that found in untreated 8 week-old NOD mice, consistent with the reduction of type 1 DM development.

10 Example 2

Inhibition of LPS-induced IL-12 and IFN- γ production by Compound A administration

The IFN- γ production induced by LPS administration is largely IL-12 dependent, and it has previously been shown that the LPS-induced serum levels of both cytokines can be inhibited by a short treatment with 1,25(OH)₂D₃ or its analogues (Mattner, F., et al. *Eur J Immunol.* 2000, 30:498-508). In this experiment the capacity of Compound A to inhibit LPS-induced IL-12 and IFN- γ production in vivo is tested. Mice were pre-treated with vehicle or with 0.03 μ g/Kg Compound A administered per os daily for 4 days before LPS injection. Compound A did not induce hypercalcemia, as demonstrated by the serum calcium levels similar to controls, but inhibited significantly the LPS-induced IL-12p75 and IFN- γ production, with a potency about 100-fold higher than 1,25(OH)₂D₃ (Mattner, F., et al. *Eur J Immunol.* 2000, 30:498-508).

Example 3

Inhibition of IL-2 and IFN- γ production in CD4⁺ pancreatic lymph node cells from Compound A treated NOD mice

To identify mechanisms accounting for the reduced type 1 DM development in 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice, the cytokines produced by CD4⁺ T cells in the spleen, pancreatic lymph node and pancreas-infiltrating cells of 8 and 30 week-old NOD mice, treated from 8 to 16 weeks of age with Compound A or vehicle were analyzed. Results in Fig. 4 demonstrate that splenic CD4⁺ T cells from 8 week-old and 30 week-old Compound A or vehicle-treated NOD mice displayed a similar cytokine production pattern. In contrast, analysis of CD4⁺ T cells from pancreatic lymph nodes revealed a 10-fold reduction of IL-2 producing cells and 3-fold reduction of IFN- γ -producing cells in 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated compared to both 30 week-old vehicle-treated or 8 week-old NOD mice. CD4⁺ pancreas-infiltrating cells showed a similar percentage of IL-2-producing cells,

but the IFN- γ -producing cells were significantly increased in vehicle-treated mice while they were similarly lower in 8 week-old and 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice.

These results indicate that Compound A was able to arrest the recruitment of IFN- γ -producing cells into the pancreas. No increase in IL-10-producing CD4⁺ cells was observed and a modest, although significant, increase in IL-4-producing cells (means of three experiments $0.7 \pm 0.2\%$ in 8 weeks old and $0.9 \pm 0.2\%$ in vehicle-treated vs. $2.5 \pm 0.3\%$ in 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice $P=0.02$ by Mann-Whitney U-test) was detected.

The profound reduction of IL-2-producing cells in 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice was paralleled by the strongly decreased proliferative response to insolubilized anti-TCR mAb. Pancreatic lymph node CD4⁺ cells from 20 week-old 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice proliferated four times less than age-matched controls and 10 times less compared to cells from 8 week-old mice (Fig. 5). The proliferation was not restored by the addition of IL-2, alone or together with anti-CD28 mAb, indicating a profoundly anergic state of these cells. However, addition of IL-2 and/or anti-CD28 mAb restored the lower IFN- γ secretion in cells from 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated mice. In contrast to CD4⁺ cells from pancreatic lymph node, splenic CD4⁺ T cells isolated from 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated mice or age-matched and 8 week-old controls, stimulated with insolubilized anti-TCR mAb, showed a similar proliferative response and IFN- γ production (data not shown). This indicates a selective effect of Compound A treatment on IL-2 and IFN- γ secretion by pancreatic lymph node CD4⁺ cells stimulated via TCR ligation, consistent with the results obtained by stimulation with PMA and ionomycin (Fig. 4).

Example 4

Compound A treatment enhances the frequency of CD4⁺CD25⁺ cells

CD4⁺CD25⁺ T cells possess regulatory activity and have been implicated in the control of autoimmune responses in several models (Shevach, E.M. *Annu Rev Immunol.* 2000, 18:423-449), including type 1 DM in NOD mice (Salomon, B., et al. *Immunity.* 2000, 12:431-440). Therefore, we analyzed the frequency of CD4⁺CD25⁺ cells in 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice. No difference was found in the percentage of splenic CD4⁺ cells expressing CD25, CD38, CD69, CD62L and CD45RB in 20 week-old Compound A or vehicle-treated and untreated 8 week-old NOD mice (Fig. 6A). In contrast, analysis of pancreatic lymph node cells revealed in 1,25-dihydroxy-

16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated compared to 8 week-old or vehicle-treated 20 week-old NOD mice, respectively, a significantly increased percentage of CD4⁺CD25⁺ (20.1 ± 0.1 % vs 11.6 ± 0.1 % or 13.0 ± 0.1 , $P < 0.05$ by Mann-Whitney U-test vs. 8 week-old mice) and CD4⁺CD38⁺ (25.2 ± 0.2 % vs. 11.8 ± 0.1 % or 10.6 ± 1.0 , $P < 0.05$ by Mann-Whitney U-test vs. 8 week-old mice). In addition, pancreatic lymph node cells from 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice contained a slightly lower percentage of CD45RB^{high} (65.1 ± 0.3 vs. 75.9 ± 0.5 % or 74.2 ± 1.6) and a significantly higher percentage of CD45RB^{low}CD4⁺ cells compared to 8 week-old and 20 week-old vehicle-treated NOD mice (24.1 ± 0.22 % vs. 12.65 ± 0.43 % or 34.8 ± 0.01 , $P < 0.05$ by Mann-Whitney U-test vs. 8 week-old mice) (Fig. 6B). Interestingly, double positive CD25⁺CD38⁺ CD4⁺ cells (17% vs. 8% or 7%) were selectively increased in the pancreatic lymph node of Compound A treated compared to 8 week-old and 20 week-old vehicle-treated NOD mice. These results indicate that Compound A administration leads to a selective increase of CD4⁺ cells with a regulatory phenotype in the pancreatic lymph node of NOD mice.

The results of the examples 1 to 4 demonstrate that administration of the 1,25(OH)₂D₃ analogue, 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃, to adult NOD mice blocks the progression of insulinitis, and prevents type 1 DM development.

Example 5

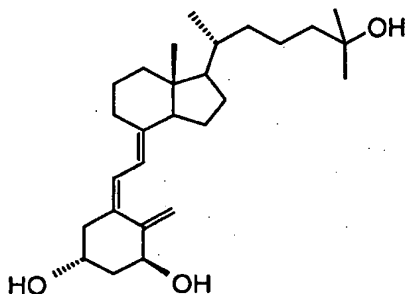
Transplantation

Fully vascularized hearts were grafted into the abdomen of recipient mice as described (Corry, R. J., H. J. Winn, and P. S. Russell. Primarily vascularized allografts of hearts in mice. The role of H-2D, H-2K, and non-H-2 antigens in rejection. *Transplantation*. 1973, 16:343). Graft survival was monitored by palpation and rejection was confirmed by direct graft inspection. The results are compiled in Table A.

Table A

VASCULARIZED HEART C57BL/6 into BALB/c recipients

n	Treatment	Dose	Graft survival (days)	Mean	SD	P value
6	none	-	8, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10	9.00	0.9	-
6	Reference	5 ^a	12, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17	14.33	2.1	0.0022
3	Compound A	0.01 ^b - 0.003 ^c	12, 12, 12	12.00		ns
4	Compound A	0.1 ^b - 0.03 ^d	22, 27, 27, 77	38.20	25.9	0.0095

^a Treatment per os (3x/w) every other day from d -1 until d +30^b µg/kg po (d -1, 0, +1)^c µg/kg po (d +2, until d +30)^d µg/kg (d+2 until d 15)

Reference compound

Example 6*Aortic Allograft***Materials and Methods**

Mice: BALB/c and C57BL/6 (B6) male mice, weighing 22–24 g, were purchased from Charles River Laboratories (Calco, Italy), and kept under specific pathogen-free conditions.

B6 (H-2^b) mice were used as donors and BALB/c (H-2^d) as recipients of aortic allografts.

Aorta transplantation: The entire procedure was performed according to Koulack et al.

Development of a mouse aortic transplant model of chronic rejection Microsurgery 1995; 16: 110-3, with the modification described by Hong et al. Improved surgical technique for the establishment of a murine model of aortic transplantation. Microsurgery 1998; 18:

368-71. The donor thoracic aorta was harvested and divided into three segments of equivalent length, about 6 mm. The abdominal cavity was exposed by a transverse incision and the segment of donor thoracic aorta was anastomosed to the infra-renal portion, end-to-side, of the recipient abdominal aorta. All procedures were performed under isofluorane inhalation anesthesia using an stereomicroscope (M-3Z, Leica, Switzerland).

Treatments: Compound A (1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃) was dissolved in ethanol (1 mg/ml) and then diluted in miglyol. Mice were dosed orally with Compound A (0.03 µg/kg p.o. five times per week), from day 0 to day 30 relative to the time of grafting. Control mice were dosed with vehicle only.

- 5 Histology: Segments of aorta grafts were snap-frozen in Tissue Tek (Miles Laboratories, Elkhart, IN), and stored at -80°C. Frozen sections, 5 µm thick, were stained with hematoxylin and eosin, or with biotinylated mAbs against CD4, CD8, B220, CD11b or CD11c (all purchased from PharMingen, San Diego, CA), followed by streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate. 3-amino-9-ethylcarbazole (DAKO, Carpinteria, CA) was used as
10 chromogen, and hematoxylin as a counterstain.

- Determination of luminal reduction: Luminal reduction was assessed in 5 µm-thick frozen transverse aortic sections stained with hematoxylin and eosin obtained 60 days post transplantation. To quantify morphological changes in the graft, we used a Leica DC camera (Leica IM 1000 image manager) to acquire the image, and the Leica Qwin software
15 to calculate the luminal reduction percentage. This was defined as (area bounded by the internal elastic lamina minus area of the lumen) x100 divided by the area bounded by the internal elastic lamina.

The average values for each analysis were obtained by averaging the results obtained from 3 sections for each allograft.

- 20 Statistical analysis: Numerical data are expressed as mean ± SD. Data on percent luminal reduction were analysed by a non parametric Student's t-test.

Results

- The effect of Compound A in preventing chronic rejection was evaluated using the aortic graft model in the mouse. Graft combinations were syngeneic or allogeneic. In allogeneic
25 combinations, recipient mice were treated orally with vehicle alone or containing Compound A (0.03 µg/kg) five times per week, from day 0 to day 30 relative to the time of grafting. Aortic grafts were analyzed 60 days after transplantation.

- Syngeneic BALB/c to BALB/c aortic grafts developed negligible intimal thickening (< 5%), indicating lack of chronic rejection (Fig. 9). BALB/c aortic grafts transplanted into B6
30 recipients treated with vehicle only showed a well-established intimal thickening (> 60%). This was significantly decreased (<20%) in Compound A treated mice (Fig. 9).

- The allogeneic aortic segments from vehicle-treated recipients showed an important inflammatory cell response, with a relatively high number of macrophages and dendritic cells, but fewer CD4, CD8 and B cells, infiltrating mainly the adventitia layer. In marked
35 contrast, the grafts from mice treated with Compound A showed a profoundly reduced

number of macrophages and dendritic cells, and complete absence of CD4, CD8 and B cells.

In general, the Compound A may be administered in amounts between about
5 0.001 µg/Kg body weight to about 0.5 µg/Kg body weight per day, preferably from about
0.005 to about 0.1 µg/Kg body weight per day, most preferably from about 0.01 to about
0.05 µg/Kg body weight per day. This dosage may be delivered in a conventional
pharmaceutical composition by a single administration, by multiple applications, or via
controlled release, as needed to achieve the most effective results, preferably once or twice
10 daily by mouth. In certain situations, alternate day dosing may prove adequate to achieve
the desired therapeutic response.

The selection of the exact dose and composition and the most appropriate delivery
regimen will be influenced by, inter alia, the pharmacological properties of the
formulation, the nature and severity of the condition being treated, and the physical
15 condition and mental acuity of the recipient.

Representative delivery regimens include oral, parenteral (including subcutaneous,
intramuscular and intravenous), rectal, buccal (including sublingual), pulmonary,
transdermal, and intranasal, most preferably oral. Administration may be continuous or
intermittent (e.g., by bolus injection).

20 A further aspect of the present invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions
comprising as an active ingredient a compound of the present invention, in admixture
with a pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic carrier. As mentioned above, such
compositions may be prepared for parenteral (subcutaneous, intramuscular or
intravenous) administration, particularly in the form of liquid solutions or suspensions;
25 for oral or buccal administration, particularly in the form of tablets or capsules; for
pulmonary or intranasal administration, particularly in the form of powders, nasal drops
or aerosols; and for rectal or transdermal administration.

The compositions may conveniently be administered in unit dosage form and may
be prepared by any of the methods well-known in the pharmaceutical art, for example as
30 described in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 17th ed., Mack Publishing Company,
Easton, PA., (1985). Formulations for parenteral administration may contain as excipients
sterile water or saline, alkylene glycols such as propylene glycol, polyalkylene glycols such
as polyethylene glycol, oils of vegetable origin, hydrogenated naphthalenes and the like.
Formulations for nasal administration may be solid and may contain excipients, for

example, lactose or dextran, or may be aqueous or oily solutions for use in the form of nasal drops or metered spray. For buccal administration typical excipients include sugars, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, pregelatinated starch, and the like.

Orally administrable compositions may comprise one or more physiologically compatible carriers and/or excipients and may be in solid or liquid form. Tablets and capsules may be prepared with binding agents, for example, syrup, acacia, gelatin, sorbitol, tragacanth, or poly-vinylpyrrolidone; fillers, such as lactose, sucrose, corn starch, calcium phosphate, sorbitol, or glycine; lubricants, such as magnesium stearate, talc, polyethylene glycol, or silica; and surfactants, such as sodium lauryl sulfate. Liquid compositions may contain conventional additives such as suspending agents, for example sorbitol syrup, methyl cellulose, sugar syrup, gelatin, carboxymethylcellulose, or edible fats; emulsifying agents such as lecithin, or acacia; vegetable oils such as almond oil, coconut oil, cod liver oil, or peanut oil; preservatives such as butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT). Liquid compositions may be encapsulated in, for example, gelatin to provide a unit dosage form.

Preferred solid oral dosage forms include tablets, two-piece hard shell capsules and soft elastic gelatin (SEG) capsules. SEG capsules are of particular interest because they provide distinct advantages over the other two forms (see Seager, H., "Soft gelatin capsules: a solution to many tableting problems"; Pharmaceutical Technology, 9, (1985). Some of the advantages of using SEG capsules are: a) dose-content uniformity is optimized in SEG capsules because the drug is dissolved or dispersed in a liquid that can be dosed into the capsules accurately b) drugs formulated as SEG capsules show good bioavailability because the drug is dissolved, solubilized or dispersed in an aqueous-miscible or oily liquid and therefore when released in the body the solutions dissolve or are emulsified to produce drug dispersions of high surface area and c) degradation of drugs that are sensitive to oxidation during long-term storage is prevented because the dry shell of soft gelatin provides a barrier against the diffusion of oxygen.

The dry shell formulation typically comprises of about 40% to 60% concentration of gelatin, about a 20% to 30% concentration of plasticizer (such as glycerin, sorbitol or propylene glycol) and about a 30 to 40% concentration of water. Other materials such as preservatives, dyes, opacifiers and flavours also may be present. The liquid fill material comprises a solid drug that has been dissolved, solubilized or dispersed (with suspending agents such as beeswax, hydrogenated castor oil or polyethylene glycol 4000) or a liquid drug in vehicles or combinations of vehicles such as mineral oil, vegetable oils, triglycerides, glycols, polyols and surface-active agents.

Example: Oral Dosage Form Soft Gelatin Capsule

A capsule for oral administration is formulated under nitrogen in amber light from 0.01 to 25.0 mg of one of the compounds of the present invention in 150 mg of fractionated coconut oil, with 0.015 mg butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) and 0.015 mg
5 butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), filled in a soft gelatin capsule.

Figures

Figure 1. (page 1/9) Compound A administration to 8-week-old NOD mice inhibits type 1 DM development. NOD mice were treated 5x/week with vehicle (open circles) or with 0.03 µg/Kg Compound A p.o. (filled circles) from 8 to 16 weeks of age, or from 8 to 12 weeks of age (filled squares). Type 1 DM development was monitored twice weekly by measurement of blood glucose levels. The P values were calculated by Mann-Whitney U test.

Figure 2. (page 2/9) Decreased insulinitis in Compound A -treated NOD mice. A. Histological scoring of insulinitis was performed on pancreas sections stained with hematoxylin/eosin from untreated 8 week-old, and NOD mice at 30 weeks of age treated with Compound A or vehicle from 8 to 16 weeks of age. Each bar represents the mean score of about 40-50 islets/mouse (*left panel*). The results refer to the mean values \pm SE of 8 mice/group, except for 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated mice where three mice were scored. The P values were calculated by Mann-Whitney U test. The severity of the infiltrate is shown in the *right panel*. Islets from the same mice were scored for absence of insulinitis (□), peri-insulinitis (◻), moderate insulinitis with <50% infiltration of the islets (◼), and severe insulinitis, with >50% of infiltration of the islets (■).

B. Consecutive sections of the same islets were stained with anti-CD4, anti-CD8, anti-B220, anti-CD11b (Mac-1), and anti-CD11c (N418) mAbs. In addition, islets were stained for insulin. C. Cytofluorimetric analysis of pancreas-infiltrating cells. Pancreas-infiltrating cells isolated from untreated 8 week-old NOD mice, vehicle-treated and Compound A treated NOD mice at 30 weeks of age were stained with mAbs specific for the indicated surface molecules and analyzed by flow cytometry. Acquisition was performed on CD45⁺ cells. Bars represent the mean \pm SE from three separate experiments.

Figure 3. (page 3/9) Compound A treatment inhibits IL-12-dependent IFN- γ production *in vivo* without inducing hypercalcemia. Compound A (0.03 µg/Kg) was administered orally in miglyol to NOD mice 72, 48, 24 and 1 h before LPS injection. IFN- γ , IL-12p75 and serum calcium levels were quantified 3 h post LPS injection. Bars represent the mean \pm SE of 10 mice/group. The P values were calculated by Mann-Whitney U test (* indicates P<0.05 vs. vehicle-treated NOD mice).

Figure 4. (page 4/9) Cytokine production by CD4⁺ cells from spleen, pancreatic lymph node and pancreas-infiltrating cells. Spleen (A), pancreatic lymph node (B) and pancreas-infiltrating (C) CD4⁺ cells were obtained from untreated 8 week-old or 20 week-old NOD

mice treated 5x/week p.o. from 8 to 16 weeks of age with vehicle or with 0.03 µg/Kg Compound A. Positively selected CD4⁺ cells (2 x 10⁵ cells/well) were stimulated with PMA and ionomycin and analyzed by flow cytometry for IFN-γ (abscissa) and IL-2, IL-4 or IL-10 (ordinate) production. Acquisition was performed on CD4⁺ cells. Percentage of positive cells, set according to the isotype-matched controls (not shown), are shown in the top corner of each quadrant. Dot plots are from a representative experiment out of four performed. Bar graphs represent the mean ± SE of four independent experiments using pooled cells from 3 to 4 mice. The P values were calculated by Mann-Whitney U test (* indicates P<0.05 vs. 8 week-old NOD mice).

10 Figure 5. (page 5/9) Proliferation and IFN-γ secretion following TCR ligation. Splenic and pancreatic lymph node CD4⁺ cells from untreated 8 week-old (□) or 20 week-old NOD mice treated 5x/week from 8 to 16 weeks of age with vehicle (◻) or with 0.03 µg/Kg Compound A (■) were positively selected and stimulated (6 x 10⁵ cells/well) with plate-bound anti-TCR mAb (10 µg/ml) in the presence of 100 U/ml IL-2 and/or 5 µg/ml anti-CD28 mAb. A. Cells were pulsed with [³H]-thymidine during the last 8 hrs of a 48 h culture. Data are presented as mean ± SE of thymidine incorporation (Δ cpm) from triplicate cultures, background values were 790 ± 100 cpm. B. After 48 h of culture, IFN-γ secretion was quantified by ELISA. Results, presented as mean ± SE of triplicate cultures, are from one representative experiment out of four performed.

20 Figure 6. (page 6/9) Compound A treatment enhances the frequency of CD4⁺CD25⁺ cells. Positively selected CD4⁺ T cells were stained with mAbs specific for the indicated surface molecules and analyzed by flow cytometry. Acquisition was performed on CD4⁺ cells. Bars represent the percent of spleen and lymph node CD4⁺ T cells expressing the indicated surface molecules from untreated 8 week-old (□) or 20 week-old NOD mice treated 5x/week from 8 to 16 weeks of age with vehicle (◻) or with 0.03 µg/Kg Compound A (■). Data are presented as mean ± SE of three separate experiments. The P values were calculated by Mann-Whitney U test (* indicates P<0.05 vs. 8 week-old NOD mice).

Figure 7. (page 7/9) Anergy of CD4⁺CD25⁺ T cells from 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃-treated NOD mice. Positively selected CD4⁺CD25⁺ and CD4⁺CD25⁻ cells (6 x 10⁵ cells/well) from untreated 8 week-old (□) or 20 week-old NOD mice treated 5x/week from 8 to 16 weeks of age with 0.03 µg/Kg Compound A (■) were stimulated with insolubilized anti-TCR mAb (10 µg/ml) with or without 100 U/ml IL-2. Cells were pulsed with [³H]-thymidine during the last 8 hrs of a 48 h culture. Data are

presented as mean \pm SE of thymidine incorporation (Δ cpm) from triplicate cultures, background values were 643 ± 65 cpm. B. After 48 h of culture, IFN- γ secretion was quantified by ELISA and expressed as mean \pm SE from triplicate cultures. Results are from one representative experiment out of three performed.

- 5 Figure 8. (page 8/9) CD4⁺CD25⁺ regulatory T cells control diabetes. A. Eight- to ten-week-old NOD-scid mice were injected with 2×10^7 splenocytes from pre-diabetic NOD mice (closed square, n=10), 2×10^7 splenocytes CD25⁺-depleted (closed circle, n=5), and co-injected with 2×10^7 splenocytes CD25⁺-depleted and 2×10^6 CD4⁺CD25⁺ splenocytes (open circle, n=5). Blood glucose levels were checked twice weekly.
- 10 Figure 9. (page 9/9) C57BL/6 to BALB/c Aortic Allografts. Syngeneic BALB/c to BALB/c aortic grafts developed negligible intimal thickening (< 5%), indicating lack of chronic rejection. BALB/c aortic grafts transplanted into B6 recipients treated with vehicle only showed a well-established intimal thickening (> 60%). This was significantly decreased (<20%) in Compound A treated mice.

Claims

- 5 1. The use of 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of autoimmune diabetes.
2. The use 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ according to claim 1 for the treatment of type 1 diabetes.
- 10 3. The use of 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ in combination with a further immunosuppressive agent for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of autoimmune diabetes.
4. The use of 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ for the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of acute and
15 chronic allograft rejection.
5. A method for preventing and/or treating autoimmune diabetes by administering 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ in an amount effective to prevent and/or to treat such disease.
6. A method according to claim 5, wherein 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexa-
20 fluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ is administered alone or in combination with other immunosuppressive agents.
7. A method for preventing and/or treating acute and chronic allograft rejection by administering 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ in an amount effective to prevent and/or to treat such rejection.
- 25 8. A method according to claim 7, wherein 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ is administered alone or in combination with other immunosuppressive agents.
9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient for the
30 treatment and/or prevention of autoimmune diabetes.
10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising 1,25-dihydroxy-16,23Z-diene-26,27-hexafluoro-19-nor vitamin D₃ and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient for the treatment and/or prevention of acute and chronic allograft rejection.
11. The invention as herein before described.

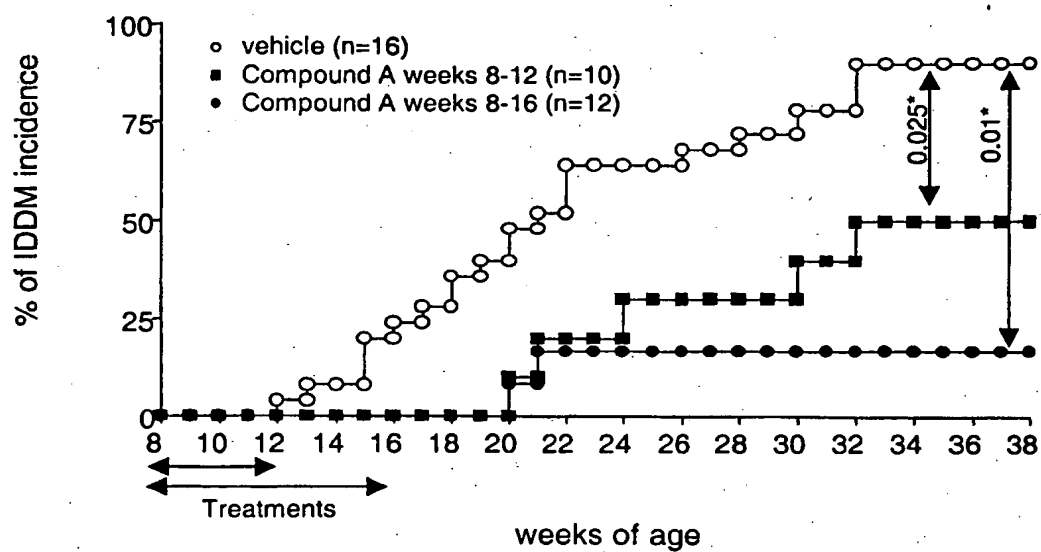


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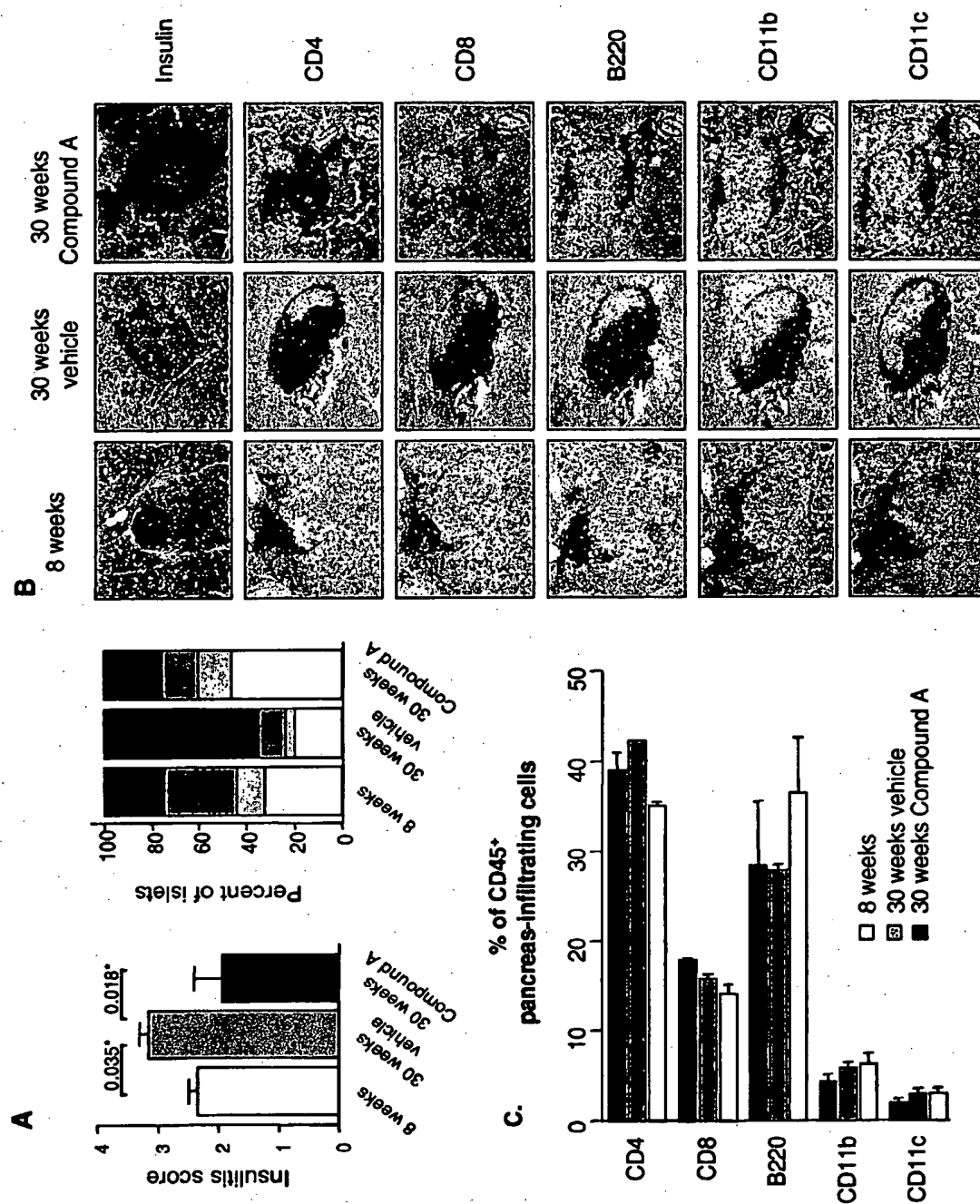


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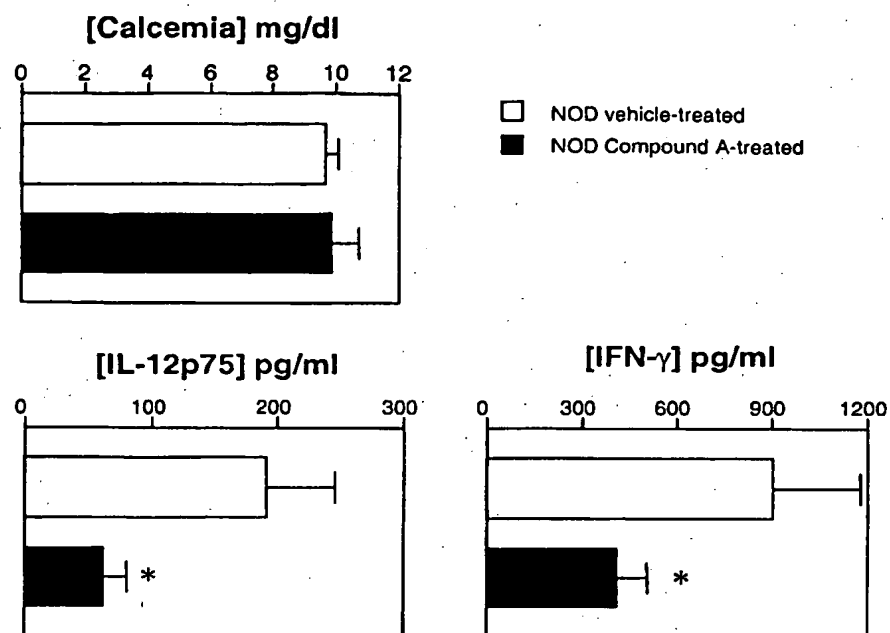


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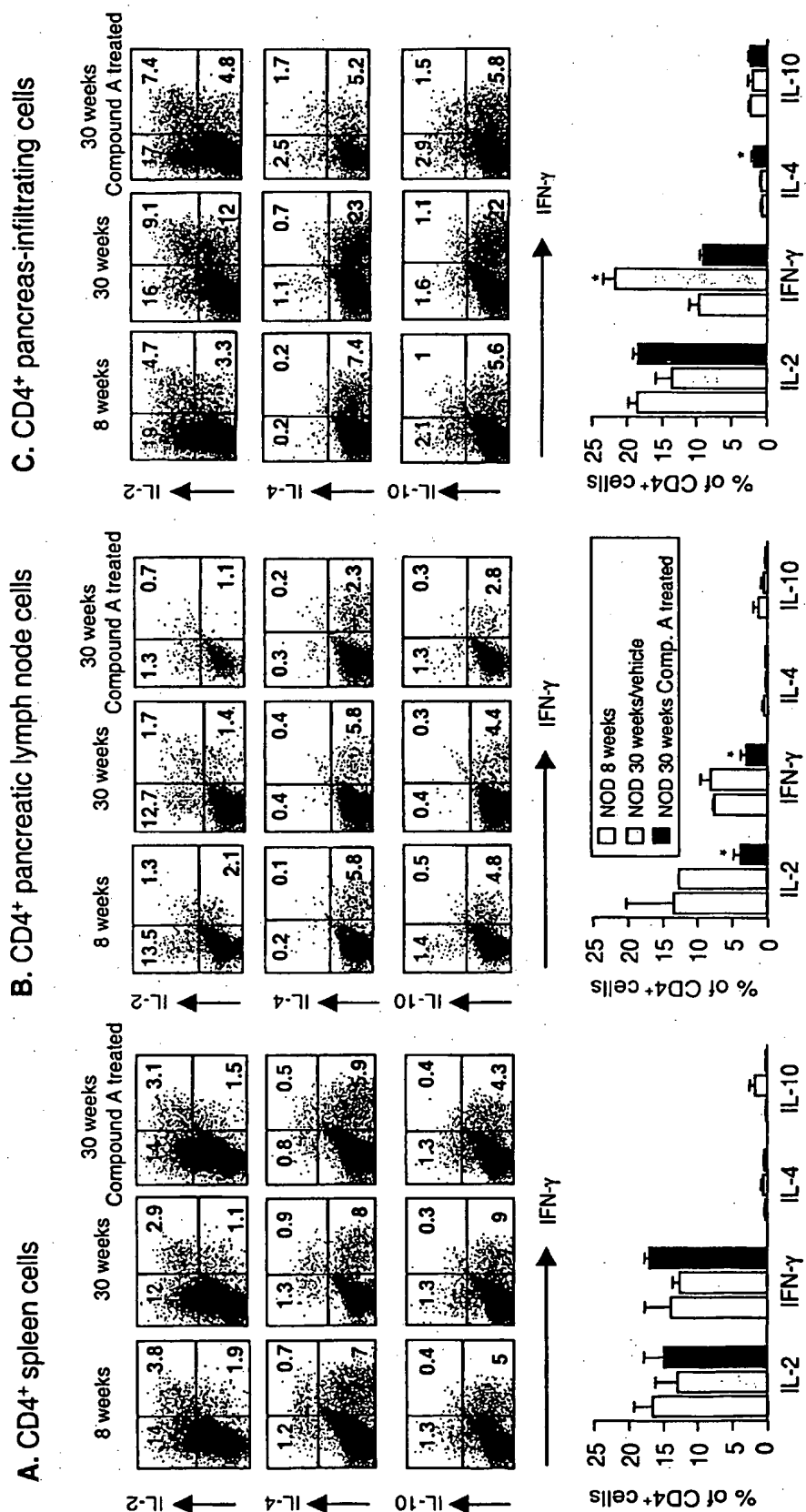


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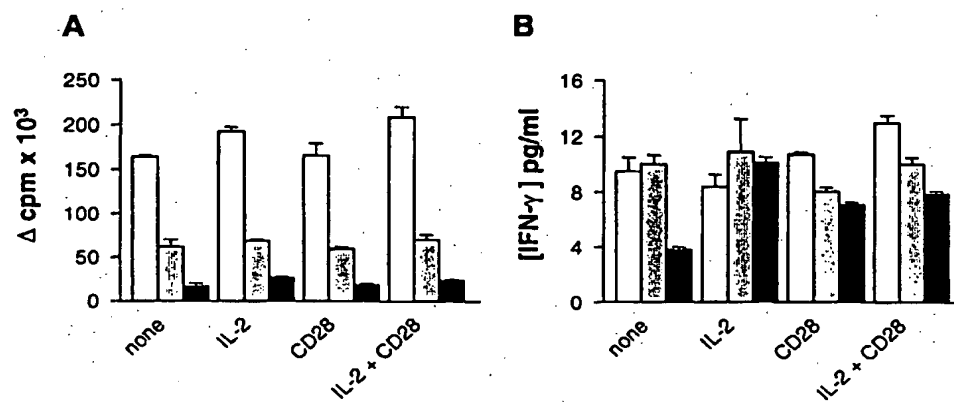


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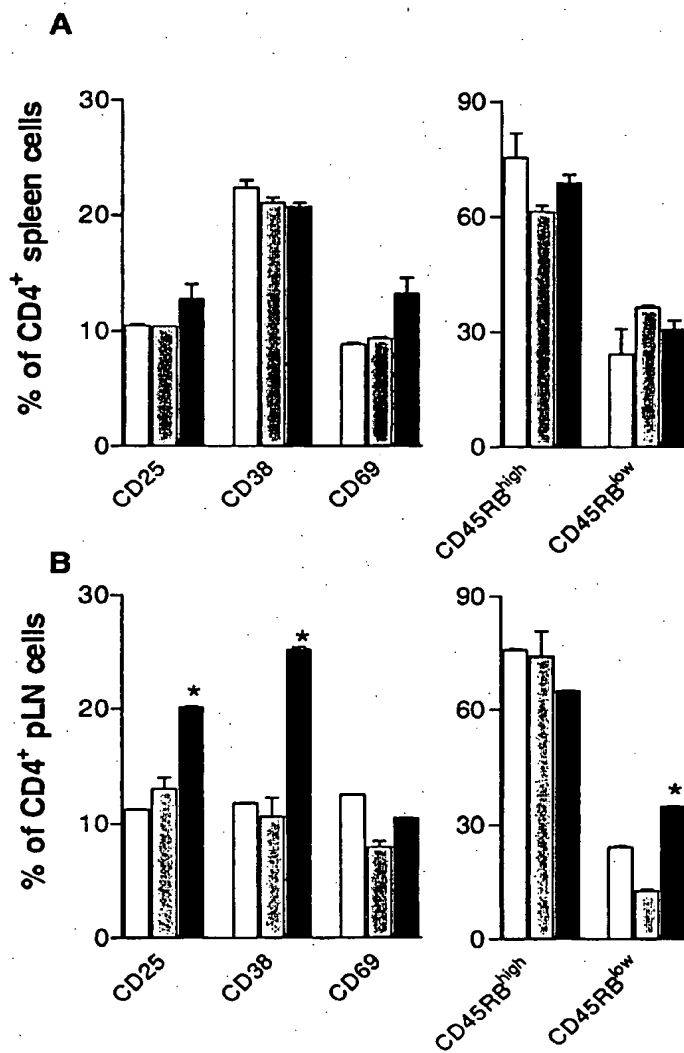


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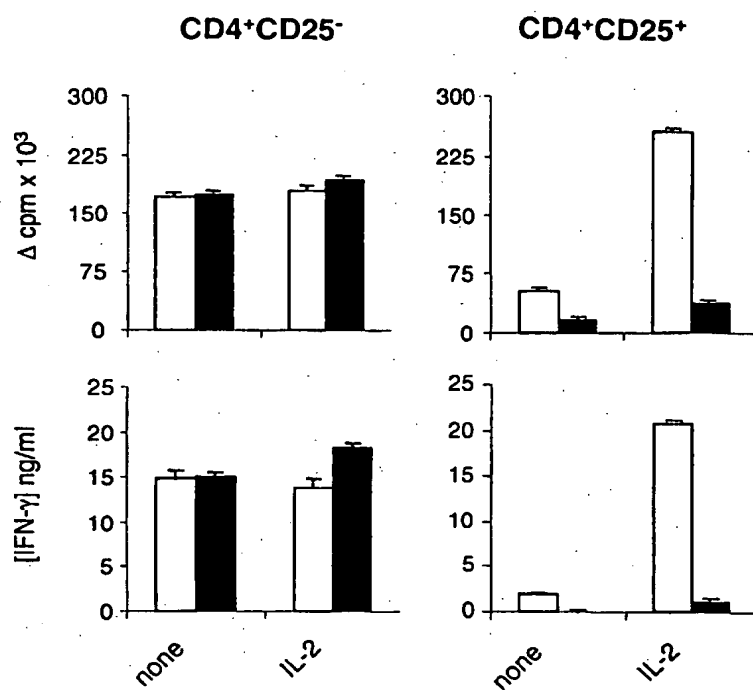


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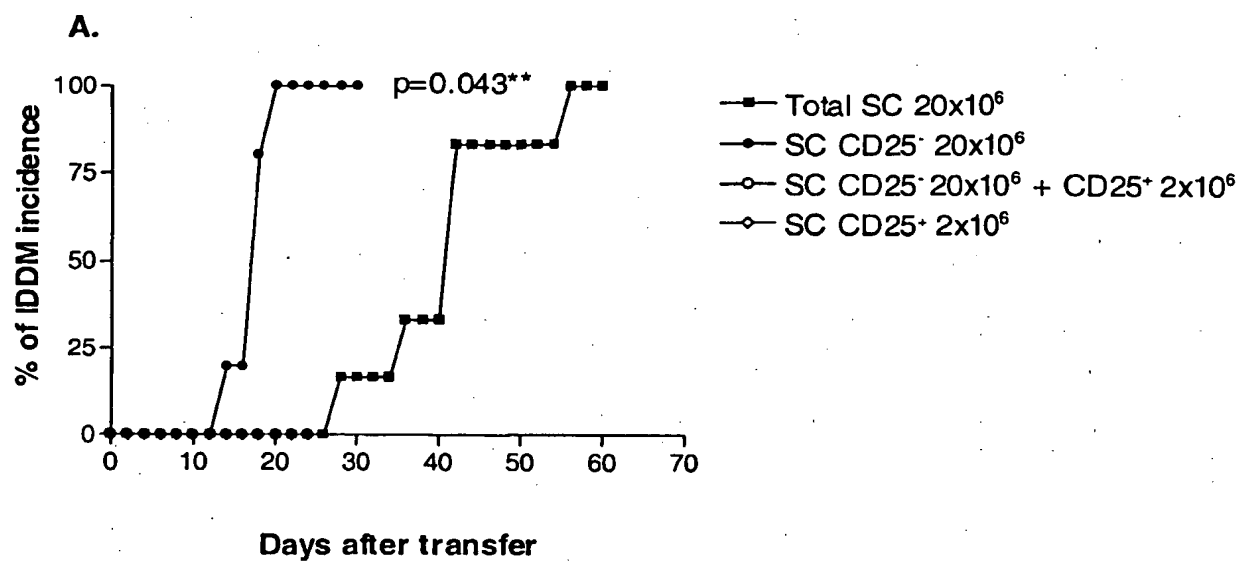


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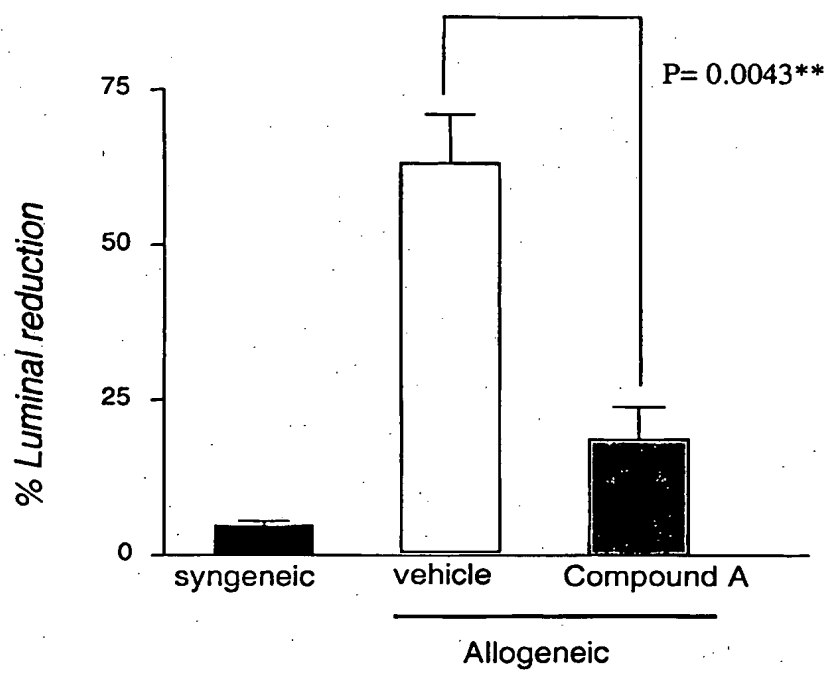
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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Although claims 5-8 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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